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Hello,

I'd like to add to the public comment about the Microsoft settlement. I believe Microsoft is an aggressive monopolist and the DOJ needs to pursue strong action to open up more competition in operating systems and software. Some solutions I suggest all or in part:

1. Separating Microsoft into Operating systems and Software. This makes the most sense although I imagine this would be hard to implement in a settlement.
2. Require Microsoft to create its entire line of software (MS Word, Excel, etc) with feature parity and compatibility on Mac OS X and Linux. This would increase and nurture use of Mac and Linux systems which are the only practical alternative to MS.
3. Force MS to sell off or license its operating system source code to third parties to compete against MS.
4. Require MS to fund a foundation similar to the one suggested by Steve Jobs that would give poor schools the funding to buy Apple, Linux or MS products. Microsoft's original proposal was ridiculous and would have gave them an advantage in education, one area where they don't have a monopoly.

Thank you,

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